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PROCEEDINGS
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Fourteenth Annual Session,
—OF THE—
CHICKASAHAY
Baptist Associa'n.

—HELD WITH—
Waynesboro Baptist Church,
September 27 and 28, A. D. 1889.

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J. W. BOZEMAN, Moderator..... Meridian, Miss.
W. M. CONNER, Clerk and Treasurer..... Hattiesburg, Miss.

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FIRST DAY, MORNING SESSION.

WAYNESBORO, Miss., Sept. 27th, 1889.

The Fourteenth Annual Session was held with the church at Waynesboro, Miss., Sept. 27th, 1889. After devotional exercises, conducted by J. W. Bozeman, D. D., the Moderator being absent W. M. Conner, Clerk, called the Association to order at 10 o'clock A. M.

On motion, the Association proceeded to temporary organization and J. W. Bozeman was elected temporary Moderator. The Moderator requested Bros. Gray and Christian to read the church letters.

The churches composing the Association were represented as follows:

Augusta—W. K. Red and J. J. Courtney.
Bethlehem—Not represented.
Big Creek—W. S. Trigg and W. J. Hutto.
Buckatunna—T. H. Brown.
Clear Creek—J. K. Pilkinton and James O. Crofford.
Concord—C. H. Beard.
DeSoto—A. I. Jones.
Ellisville—A. B. Hayes, G. W. Knight and T. J. Hardy.
Enterprise—H. R. Ward.
Estabuchie—Not represented.
Fairfield—J. F. Martin and S. W. Patrick.
Fairmount—R. B. Bishop and E. Bishop.
Harmony—W. S. Dobbs and Wm. McLeod.
Hattiesburg—W. M. Conner and S. O. Harris.
Heidelberg—E. D. Travis.
Laurel—W. D. Turner and Davis Campbell.
Lauderdale—Not represented.

Meridian—J. B. Gambrell, J. W. Bozeman, J. N. Melton and W. J. David.

Mt. Zion—G. P. Shaw and C. E. Buzby.

Narkeeta—Represented by letter.

New Hope—Quitman Gray and J. L. Gray.

Pachuta—L. S. Hardee and A. C. Rodgers.

Pine Hill—Represented by letter.

Quitman—E. R. Watts.

Salem—Freeman Gray, G. W. Bunch, J. M. Sammon and W. West.

Saundersville—A. T. J. Wallace.

Shubuta—W. H. Patton, I. E. S. Alexander and J. M. Phillips.

State Line—J. L. Dunham.

Vossburg—Not represented.

Yellow Creek—G. W. Starling and Thomas Davis.

Moderator appointed as Finance Committee, Brethren Patton, Travis, Heidelberg and Hays, and called for petitionary letters when the following responded and were received and welcomed by the Moderator: Pachuta church represented by Brethren Hardee and Rodgers.

On motion, Bro. J. B. Gambrell preached the Introductory Sermon hymn No. 118: "Nearer My God to Thee;" Scripture read, Third Chapter, "Paul's letter to the Phillippians."

On motion, the Association adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Afternoon Session, First Day, Three O'clock.

Association called to order by Moderator, and after devotional exercises, proceeded to business.

On motion of Bro. W. H. Patton, the temporary officers were made permanent.

Moderator announced as committee on devotional exercises, Brethren Phillips, Gray, Bunch and Melton.

Moderator called for corresponding messengers, and the following responded and were welcomed to seats by the Moderator:

J. T. Christian, Secretary Convention Board; L. Norris, Liberty Association; Benj. Thigpen, Salem Association; J. B. Gambrell and B. D. Gray, Mississippi College; J. B. Gambrell, Southern Baptist Record; S. M. Tucker and J. L. Causey, Antioch Association; W. M. Conner, American Baptist Publication Society.

The regular order of business was then taken up and the Moderator appointed the following as corresponding messengers:

Ebenezer Association G. W. Knight.

Bethlehem " H. R. Wood.

Liberty " I. E. S. Alexander, J. L. Gray, W. H. Patton.

Salem " R. C. Rodgers.

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Columbus	"	J. B. Gambrell, J. A. Hackett, J. W. Bozeman.
Mobile	"	L. Norris and J. L. Sammons.
Antioch	"	J. M. Sammons and Truman Gray.
Gulf Coast	"	J. B. Gambrell, W. K. Red, W. H. Patton,
T. L. Hurlbutt.		

On motion, J. W. Bozeman was appointed to Southern Baptist Convention and George W. Knight as alternate.

State Convention, J. B. Gambrell, W. H. Patton, M. W. Buckley, G. W. Knight, T. J. Hardy, A. I. Jones, W. K. Red, J. M. Sammons, E. R. Wallace, J. N. Melton, Truman Gray, W. M. Conner, W. S. Trigg, H. R. Wood, W. M. Sprinkel, E. D. Travis, T. B. Bonner, J. M. Phillips, L. Norris, J. K. Pilkinton and J. W. Bozeman.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the usual committees:

Education, J. B. Gambrell, W. S. Dobbs, J. K. Pilkinton and B. D. Gray.

Missions, B. D. Gray, S. O. Y. Ray, W. J. David and J. T. Christian, added.

Sunday Schools, T. J. Hardy, H. R. Wood, C. E. Buzby and W. S. Trigg.

State of Churches, W. K. Red, E. R. Watts and J. T. Martin.

Temperance, G. W. Knight, I. E. S. Alexander, L. S. Hardee and W. H. Patton, added.

Nominations, John L. Gray, S. O. Harris and A. I. Jones.

Apportionment, J. N. Melton, G. W. Sterling, A. I. Jones and J. T. Christian.

Sustentation, James O. Crofford, C. H. Beard and R. P. Bishop.

On motion of J. B. Gambrell, the report on education was made the special order for to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

On motion of W. H. Patton, the report on Temperance was made the special order for to-night at 7:15 o'clock.

Secretary read the report of Mrs. Georgia D. Phillips, Vice-President Woman's Work, and on motion the same was adopted and ordered spread on the minutes, and on motion of George W. Knight, 4 o'clock P. M. Sunday was made the special order for the reading of Sister Phillips' supplementary report.

On motion, Association adjourned until 7:15 o'clock P. M.

Night Session.

Association re-assembled at 7:15 o'clock P. M., and after devotional exercises proceeded to business.

Special order of the hour, report of Committee on Temperance, was read by J. B. Gambrell and discussed by the following Brethren: Gambrell, Christian, Knight, Patton, Bozeman and

Tucker, after which the report was adopted by a unanimous rising vote of the entire audience.

On motion, the following Committee on Associational Missions was appointed by the Moderator, with power to act in this matter as may be thought best for the cause of Christ, viz: L. E. Hall, T. J. Hardy and W. H. Patton.

On motion, Association adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock A.M.

Second Day, Morning Session.

Association assembled at the appointed hour, 9 o'clock A. M. and after devotional exercises, the Secretary was requested to read the minutes of the preceeding day, and on motion the same was adopted.

Moderator called for corresponding messengers and the following responded; L. A. Duncan, Bethlehem Association, S. M. Tucker and J. B. Hamberlin, Antioch Association; S. O. Y. Ray, Chairman of the Committee on School asked that the report of said Committee be read, which was done by T. J. Hardy and discussed at length by Brethren Ray, Hardy, Red, Conner and Christian, and on motion the report was re-committed with instructions to recommend some definite plan to perpetuate the management of said school.

On motion of T. J. Hardy, the report of Committee on Missions was made a special order for 7:15 P. M.

Bro. Red submitted the report of Committee on the State of the Churches, which was adopted.

TEN O'CLOCK A. M., SPECIAL ORDER OF THE HOUR.

Report of Committee on Education, which was read by Rev. J. B. Gambrell, and on motion the report was adopted, after discussion by the following Brethren: Hamberlin, Gray and Gambrell.

Rev. J. B. Gambrell then asked for contributions for the endowment of Mississippi College. Result: Eleven hundred and one dollars was subscribed and a cash collection of \$12.60 for incidental expenses in raising the endowment.

On motion, Association adjou. ned until 2 o'clock P. M.

Afternoon Session, Second Day Two O'clock.

Association assembled; and after devotional exercises, conducted by T. E. Tucker, the Moderator announced the Association ready for business.

Moderator called for corresponding messengers and the following responded and were welcomed by the Moderator: Joseph Grisham and G. W. Grenade, Antioch Association.

Committee on Sunday Schools submitted their report which was

read by Bro. T. J. Hardy and after discussion by Brethren Hardy, Conner and Duncan, it was adopted.

Elder George W. Knight offered the following resolution which elicited a very interesting discussion, participated in by Brethren Knight, Duncan, Bozeman and Gambrell.

RESOLVED, That every Baptist Church in this Association is required by their duty to God, to the Bible and to themselves to teach our distinctive principles in the Sunday School.

Committee on nominations reported and recommended that Elder J. A. Hackett preach the Introductory Sermon at our next Annual meeting, and that Rev. J. M. Phillips be his alternate. That the next session be held with the Ellisville Baptist Church on Friday before the last Lord's day in September, 1890.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that they had selected for Sunday's services J. T. Christian to preach in the Methodist Episcopal Church at 11 o'clock A. M., B. D. Gray at the Baptist Church at 11 o'clock a. m., Rev. J. B. Hamberlin at the M. E. Church at 7:15 o'clock, p. m., and Rev. S. M. Tucker at the Baptist Church same hour.

Brethren T. J. Hardy, L. A. Duncan and W. M. Conner were selected to address the Sunday School at the Baptist Church Sunday morning at 9:30. Rev. J. B. Gambrell to address the ladies meeting at the Methodist Church at 4 o'clock p. m.

Services at the Colored Baptist Church as follows: Sunday, at 11 o'clock a. m., by W. J. David, at 7:15 by B. D. Gray.

Report of Committee on Sustentation was read by Bro. J. O. Crawford and discussed by Brethren Crawford and Christian, after which the report was adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 7:15 p. m.

Night Session—Second Day.

Association assembled at 7:15, according to adjournment, and after devotional exercises proceeded to business.

Special order of the hour—Report of Committee on Missions: The report was read by Bro. Christian, and in connection with this report, our Missionary, S. O. Y. Ray, read his report, rendering a good account of his "stewardship," and after an interesting discussion, participated in by Brethren Gambrell, Christian, and our missionary to Africa, Rev. W. J. David, both reports were adopted.

The Committee on "High School" re-submitted their report with amendments, which were adopted.

On motion, the Moderator was authorized to appoint a Committee of three as Trustees for said "High School."

The following brethren were appointed: G. W. Knight, W. M. Hemlter and W. H. Patton.

On motion of Rev. J. B. Gambrell, the Clerk was authorized to have Minutes published, and that he receive \$10 for his services as Clerk, all to be paid out of funds on hand.

The following resolutions were offered by W. M. Conner, and adopted:

RESOLVED, 1st, That the thanks of this entire Association be voted the "Good People" of Waynesboro and surrounding country, for the hospitality, kindness and courtesy shown the members of the body during their stay among them, and that we will long remember with gratitude and pleasure this the Fourteenth Annual Session of our Association.

RESOLVED, 2nd, That the thanks of this association be voted the M. & O., and N. O. & N. E. R. R. Co's for courtesy shown delegates to this association.

RESOLVED, 3rd, That this Association raise \$52 due to our Missionary, S. O. Y. Ray, for material purchased by him to build churches.

Rev. J. B. Gambrell read a communication from Sister Clara B. Drake, State Superintendent Unfermented Wine, W. C. T. U. Mission, on the use of unfermented wine for sacramental purposes, and asked that no action be taken thereon.

On motion, the Association adjourned *sine die*.

J. W. BOZEMAN, Moderator.

W. M. CONNER, Clerk.

N. B.—The next annual meeting of this Association will be held with the church at Ellisville, Miss., N. O. & N. E. R. R., on Friday before the last Lord's Day in September, 1890.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Heretofore this special notice has been directed to Church Clerks. I now appeal to every Baptist in this Association to make it his special duty to see that his church is properly represented by an intelligible letter, giving the church credit for each and every contribution. And again will you not turn to statistical table after reading these Minutes, and note the awkward blanks. Many churches report Sunday Schools, but do not report any students. Some of them report pastors, but do not report any salary. Some report a certain amount contributed to Missions, but do not say whether "Home, State or Foreign," in such cases it necessitates the placing of such contributions under the head of "Miscellaneous." If your Clerk does not keep a regular account, showing all monies raised, and for what purpose expended, you should insist on his doing so, on suitable blank church letters accompany these minutes.

Fraternally yours,

W. M. CONNER, Clerk.

Reports of Committees.

Report of Vice-President of Women's Work for Chickasaw Association :

Number of Societies	12
Amount contributed to all purposes for Conventional year, closing July, 1889	\$864 25
Number of Societies organized this year	2

As it is impossible for me to organize societies, except through correspondence, this work progresses slowly. I would suggest, therefore, that the Association solicit Mrs. M. J. Nelson to canvass the churches of the Association at her earliest convenience in the interest of Woman's Work. I am sure that much good could be thus accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. GEORGIE D. PHILLIPS,
Vice-Pres. Woman's Work.

On Missions.

The one work of God's people in all ages and countries is the propagation of the Religion of Jesus Christ. There is no other work before the people of God. During the time of men now living this mighty upheaval of modern missions began; and already the light-houses of missions are a long way ashore, and even in the dark places of the earth the light of day begins to shine. In our own State during the past year there have been 69 missionaries at work. There were, under the labors of these men, about 1,500 additions to the churches. Never in the history of our State was the work more popular or more prosperous.

The work in Cuba is unparalleled in the history of the church of God; and in all foreign fields mighty strides are being made toward the truth. The Foreign Board has sent out forty new missionaries in the last twelve months; and very many others are saying "here am I, send me."

Your committee would recommend a ceaseless agitation of this subject in all the churches and before all the people; and further,

that this Association endeavor to raise \$1,500 for this work during the next Associational year. We further recommend that the report of the State Missionary, S. O. Y. Ray, laboring in the bounds of this Association be read in connection with this report and be made a part of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

B. D. GRAY, Chairman.

S. O. Y. RAY,

W. J. DAVID,

J. T. CHRISTIAN.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

Since the last meeting of this body, your Missionary has been engaged in the work assigned him—202 days, traveled 3,426 miles, preached 87 sermons, attended 28 prayer meetings, visited for religious purposes 31 families, made four addresses. Others have baptized in meetings where I have labored eleven persons, received by letter into the churches, four, distributed 410 pages tracts, obtained 15 subscribers to the "Record," collected for State Missions \$173.75, paid ministers who assisted me in the field \$30; church repairs \$100, collected for high school \$500, pledges for high school \$490, sold 185 books. Besides the above, much time has been given to visiting churches where invited, assisting pastors and holding meetings. In connection with the above I submit the following as a condensed report of the work done in the last six years:

Days of labor 1,790, miles traveled 24,215, stations supplied 12, sermons preached 851, prayer meetings held 280, families visited 573, baptisms 150, baptized by others in meetings where I labored 254, received by letter into the church 218, restored 29; total number received into churches 651, organized seven churches, nine houses of worship built, obtained 120 subscribers to the Record, distributed 4,317 pages tracts, delivered 18 addresses, collected for State Missions \$1,268.65, collected for church building \$5,800, for Home Missions \$28.30, Foreign Missions, \$41.75, High School \$500, pledges for High School \$490, paid to ministers for aid on the field \$340, church repairs \$213. Total collected for all purposes \$9,460.35, cash paid Missionary \$5,100, which shows \$4,360.30 more collected and expended on the field than has been paid for services to do the work. In this connection I take occasion to report an indebtedness of \$52 for lumber and other material for church building which I hope will be collected and paid during the session of this body.

OUTLOOK FOR THE FIELD.

While much has been accomplished in our territory, much remains to be done—our present attainments makes it the more necessary that we should press forward the work so well begun. The great

need in our field now, is more consecrated, intelligent ministers to take charge of the work in the growing towns along the lines of railroads, which pass through our territory and the contiguous field is white to the harvest. There are at present only three towns out of the twenty in our borders which have Baptist ministers settled in them. More Baptist preachers in Southeast Mississippi settled among the churches is the pressing need of our field at present. We must not at this point fail to see this necessity and supply it if possible.

In conclusion, let me urge the necessity of fostering the High School at Rawl's Springs. It promises more to Southeast Mississippi than any other agency except the preaching of the Gospel, and in connection with this it will prove a great power for good in building up the waste places of our Zion in this long neglected, but at present inviting field.

S. O. Y. RAY.

On High Schools.

The committee to whom this enterprise was committed four years ago, and who for various reasons have heretofore failed to do anything in a substantial way have the pleasure to report that during the present year, cash and subscriptions to the amount of \$1,200 have been secured, and a donation of five acres of land by Capt. W. H. Hardy and Miss Martha Rawls. First-class buildings have been erected on the grounds, neat, attractive and commodious. The buildings are of yellow pine lumber, 25x80 feet, three rooms. We regard the house as perfectly suited to the purpose for which it was built, and at present furnishing all the rooms necessary.

LOCATION.

The location is regarded as the best in Southeast Mississippi, situated on the line of the G. & S. I. and M. & K. C. R. R., several miles west of the N. O. & N. E. R. R., in a thrifty farming and stock raising community, with an immense lumber interest just being developed, with no competition in Southeast Mississippi, and an immense Baptist brotherhood surrounding it in all directions, perfectly healthy, and one of the finest watering places in the State, which is destined in the near future to be a place of considerable note. We can but congratulate ourselves that we have been so fortunate in securing such a valuable site for our Baptist High School.

ENDORSEMENT.

Your Committee have laid the claims of this school before two other Associations, to-wit: The Pearl Leaf and Ebenezer, and have secured their endorsement and co-operation in the maintenance of the enterprise. These Associations, with our own, embrace the counties of Lauderdale, Clarke, Wayne, Jones, Perry, Hancock, Lawrence,

Covington and Marion, besides the territory South of these counties on the Gulf Coast, from which we may expect some patronage.

FACULTY.

Prof. Geo. S. Hemeter has been elected Principal. He is well qualified to fill this important position, a graduate of the Iuka Normal School, two years experience in teaching, an extensive acquaintance in Southeast Mississippi, with an unsullied character, no better could have been secured. Miss Maggie Eaton, of Perry county, has been engaged to take charge of the music department. Miss Eaton is a graduate of the Blue Mountain Female College, and fine musician; We regard her connection with the school very fortunate. The names of other teachers have not been announced. The committee have to announce with regret, that means have not been raised sufficient to build a boarding-house for the school. This defect should be remedied as soon as practicable, as it will be impossible to succeed without it, and while we make this statement, we are glad to announce that arrangements have been made to board all who may come during this session. With these facts before your body, we submit this report.

Your committee would recommend the appointment by this association of three trustees, whose duty it shall be to take charge of the school and its interest and in connection with the trustees of the other two Associations, Pearl Leaf and Ebenezer, discharge all the duties incumbent upon them relative to the school.

S. O. Y. RAY,
W. M. CONNER,
C. F. WOODS,
W. M. SPRINKEL,
A. F. MCGEE,
T. J. HARDY,

On Sunday Schools

Your Committee on Sunday Schools submit the following report :

That while there is a growing interest in this important work in some parts of the bounds of this Association, yet in other portions but little, if any, interest is manifested. The indifference and negligence of parents and church members, greatly retards the progress and cripples the efficiency of this great work. If parents and members of the church would manifest a greater interest, and attend the Sunday Schools more regularly, it would elicit greater interest from the children. We believe that pastors should bring this subject more prominently before their churches, and that Sunday Schools in each church where it can be done, should be organized under the fostering care and supervision of the church, and that every child of God should put forth every effort to learn God's word, that their own spirituality be

strengthened and increased, and they be better able to sow the seeds of the Gospel in the hearts of the young, that will spring up and bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of the Master and the advancement of His cause and Kingdom. We therefore recommend that this subject be prominently brought before each church of this Association so as, if possible, to enlist every church member in the work, thereby strengthening each in spirituality and efficiency to do the will of the Master.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. HARDY, Chairman.

On Education.

Education has been aptly denominated the hand-maid of Christianity. It cannot take the place of religion, but may be, and rightly directed is a helper of the gospel.

The genius of Christianity promotes general enlightenment. Wherever the gospel has been preached, schools have sprung up, government, law and medicine have been reduced to sciences, and the whole apparatus of a higher civilization put in operation.

Baptists have always been the friends of education. Before the world had sufficiently advanced to receive our doctrine of religious liberty, and when there was not a spot of earth on which Baptists could build a denominational school—before any civil government would tolerate a Baptist school, Baptists were giving liberally to higher education—Harvard University, the oldest and greatest on this continent, was founded by a Baptist. Massachusetts, which whipped Baptist preachers for preaching their doctrine, has now built a monument to John Harvard, the John the Baptist of higher education in the colonies.

Mississippi Baptists are greatly blessed with good schools of every grade. Numerous high schools, but not enough by many, to prepare girls and boys for our colleges. Shuqualak Female College, Starkville Female Institute, Blue Mountain Female College, Central Female Institute, and other excellent institutions furnish collegiate culture for our girls.

The crown and glory of our educational system is Mississippi College. Here high mental culture is admirably blended with an excellent spirit of evangelism. The College is the West Point and the Naval Academy of Mississippi Baptists combined. Here our future preachers and leaders are trained under circumstances, the most favorable to their enlarged usefulness.

The college is, we are happy to say, in a most prosperous condition. It is leading education in the State, and our success is inspiring others to noble efforts. The very success attained, compels us to go forward. The effort now being made to endow the college should receive the hearty endorsement, and substantial support of this Asso-

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J. B. GAMBRELL,

B. D. GRAY.

J. K. PILKINTON.

On Temperance.

Your committee understand that they are to report specially on the evil of intemperance and the remedies therefor. The drink habit which supports the liquor traffic, is by far the greatest source of evil known to the human race. It sends a tide of woe over the whole land, drawing beneath its lurid waves the fairest prospects and hopes of our people. Manhood is destroyed, hearts broken, homes desolated, the Churches of Christ shorn of their strength and humbled in the dust before the enemies of God and humanity.

As the drink habit and its necessary attendant, the liquor traffic, are against God and his Christ, against all that is pure and good ; it follows that Christians and the churches must be against both, the one no less than the other.

Your committee feel constrained to say that, whoever drinks intoxicants as a beverage, is clearly and efficiently on the side of the matchless evil.

He becomes partaker of the evils of the liquor traffic, because he aids and abets it in its destructive work. Dram-drinking is a sin against God and a crime against humanity. The churches should have no fellowship with this unfruitful work of darkness.

We recommend that total abstinence be practiced by all Christians, and that the jug, with its influence for evil be banished from our homes.

We further recommend that all Christians openly sign themselves on the side of temperance, that we train our children to shun the danger of tippling, that we co-operate in all ways with all the forces directed to overthrow the evil, and educate public sentiment against it.

We recommend that we use the pulpit, the press, the social circle and the ballot to destroy the destroyer of our race.

And we urge that we do not relax our efforts in any case, because the traffic is driven out of our immediate community, but educate, watch, pray and give of our means till the very sources of the evil, the distilleries, have been leveled with the ground or converted into auxiliaries to Christian civilization.

We urge specially the introduction of scientific temperance instruction in all our schools, private and public, State and denominational.

We further urge the prompt enforcement of all laws against the

liquor traffic, where they are in force, and their speedy enactment where they are not.

And especially, we urge the enactment by the next Legislature of a State prohibitory law, thus severing at once and forever, the partnership now existing between the State and the liquor traffic.

We heartily endorse the efforts of the Women's Christian Temperance Union for the suppression of the liquor traffic, and bid them God speed in their noble self-sacrificing labors.

We desire to mention with gratitude the noble stand taken in this section by the preachers, teachers, and better instructed of the colored race in their opposition to the saloon, the common enemy of us all.

We recommend that we re-affirm with emphasis the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That it is the sense of this Association that for any minister or church member to visit saloons, sign whisky petitions, go on the bond of "liquor sellers," vote "for the sale," or in any way countenance, or encourage the traffic in intoxicating liquors, is unchristian conduct, and should be brought under church discipline.

Resolved, 2nd. That we will withdraw from any church, and refuse to receive any church failing or refusing to enforce discipline as set forth in the foregoing resolution.

G. W. KNIGHT,
J. E. S. ALEXANDER,
W. H. PATTON,
L. S. HARDEE.

Committee.

State of Churches.

Your Committee on the State of Churches submit the following report:

By reading the letters we find that the peace and fellowship of the churches, with but few exceptions, is good. The report on the Sunday School work is encouraging, while a few of our churches have had no accessions by baptism, yet very near all of them are spiritually revived, and several have had large numbers of accessions by baptism. Judging from the report on total contributions we are sorry to say that the grace of liberality is on the decline. But in connection with this we hail with gladness the success which has attended the earnest efforts of the sisters in their work. In conclusion, we recommend that pastors do all in their power to aid and encourage the sisters in their work, and while we are trying to develop the churches in all

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other graces let us be sure to teach them to abound in the grace of
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Respectfully submitted,

W. K. RED, Chairman.

On Sustentation.

Your committee regret to say, that so far as they can learn, little or no interest has been taken in this matter during the past year. The meagre sum sent up by churches for the object is painful evidence of the fact. It is a reflection upon our denomination that we fail to care properly for those whose life has been spent in active service, and who, having neglected their worldly interests for the spiritual good of the churches, now need material aid and kindly support in their declining years.

We would respectfully call the attention of the churches to the fact that this fund needs to be largely increased. While there may be no immediate use for money, we are liable to be called upon for help when we have nothing. It is hoped that our pastors will ask for at least one collection a year, from their churches, and forward the same to the Treasurer as soon as practicable. Let us not be behind other denominations in providing for the comfort of our ministers, who have borne the heat and burden of the day, and can but wait for the Master to call them to a Heavenly rest.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. CRAWFORD.

Apportionment.

Augusta	\$ 25 00	Laurel	25 00
Bethlehem	10 00	Lauderdale	10 00
Big Creek	10 00	Meridian	500 00
Buckatunna	10 00	Mt. Zion	25 00
Clear Creek	25 00	Närkeeta	5 00
Concord	25 00	New Hope	10 00
DeSoto	10 00	Pachuta	20 00
Enterprise	50 00	Pine Hill	10 00
Ellisville	100 00	Quitman	25 00
Estabutchie	10 00	Sandersville	50 00
Fairfield	10 00	Salem	75 00
Fairmont	50 00	State Line	25 00
Harmony	10 00	Shubuta	100 00
Hattiesburg	25 00	Vossburg	10 00
Heidelberg	50 00	Yellow Creek	10 00

Total \$1,335 00

J. N. MELTON, Chairman.

G. W. STARLING,

A. J. JONES,

J. T. CHRISTIAN.

On Devotional Exercises.

Your Committee on Devotional Exercises beg leave to report as follows :

Preaching Sunday, at 11 a. m., at M. E. Church—by J. T. Christian.

Preaching Sunday, at 11 a. m., at Baptist Church—by B. D. Gray.

Preaching Sunday, at 7:30 p. m., at M. E. Church—by J. B. Hamberlin.

Preaching Sunday, at 7:30 p. m., at Baptist Church—by S. M. Tucker.

Brethren T. J. Hardy, L. A. Duncan and W. M. Conner, will address the Sunday School in the Baptist Church at 9:30 Sunday morning. Bro. J. B. Gambrell will address the ladies meeting in the M. E. Church at 4 p. m., Sunday. Preaching at the colored Baptist Church, Sunday, at 11 a. m., by W. J. David; at night, at 7:30, by B. D. Gray.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

On Nominations.

We recommend that Elder J. A. Hackett preach the Introductory Sermon at our next meeting and J. M. Phillips be his alternate. That the next meeting of this body be held with the church at Ellisville. Time of meeting to be Friday, before the last Sunday in September next.

Respectfully,

S. O. HARRIS,

A. I. JONES,

JNO. D. GRAY.

Committee.

Communication.

To the Chickasaw Baptist Association, assembled at Waynesboro, September, 1889.

DEAR BRETHREN :—As Superintendent of the "Department of Communion Wine," I am moved to make this appeal: That being advocates of true and Scriptural Temperance, you will adopt the policy inaugurated by many influential bodies of Christians in America and England during the past ten years, viz: the use of the pure unfermented "Fruit of the Vine" in administering the "Sacrament of the Lord's Supper" as a fitting type of His cleansing blood; also the use of unleavened bread as a symbol of his broken body. And this I make bold courteously to urge upon you for the following reasons among others: The scriptural teaching is clear that nothing of a fermented or a leavened nature was allowed on the Jewish Passover Table. All such was excluded, even from their houses, during the whole of the feast. See Exodus, XIII:7, with many other passages of like import. Christ *exactly* fulfilled all the ceremonial law. One such

distinct "thus saith the Lord" is worth more than all the specious arguments from human standpoints of convenience or "authority of the Fathers." The latter, by the way, is as strong on one side of this question as the other. The controversy as to whether two kinds of wine are mentioned in the Bible does not affect this question in the least. When Jesus instituted the Sacrament of his death, He did not use the word wine, but simply "Fruit of the Vine" and "The Cup." The same applies to every allusion to the Christian's passover in the New Testament. See also I Cor. v. 7 and 8. Aside from this, the highest authority for the use of the pure, uncorrupted "Fruit of the Vine," we submit a few reasons therefor, based on expediency and the influence we may quietly and potently exert in the Temperance Reform, now justly the great issue before the moral and religious world.

1st. By placing on the Lord's table *intoxicating* cup we dignify that which debases mankind; and give reason for the oft-repeated (unanswerable) jeer of the saloonist that we try to exclude from our own tables, that which is good enough to be set on the Lord's table. Indeed, brethren, it is not good enough for either; but especially unfit for the Lord's table.

2nd. Not a few of God's children, truly converted men, whose physical nature has not been changed by grace in the heart, have been tempted by the odor or taste of an intoxicant while devoutly celebrating our Lord's atonement, to go back to drunkenness and eternal ruin. "If meat make my brother (though weak) to stumble I will eat no meat while the world standeth."

Believing that the oft-repeated mistake made on this vital question has been "wrought by want of thought more than by want of heart," and that your own most thorough investigation of the subject will fully bear out the above statements, I rest in the hope that you will pass such resolutions as shall place your great influence in favor of that which can certainly do no harm, and may accomplish untold good to the church of Christ and the community at large.

Sincerely yours in the faith of a common Savior,

CLARA B. DRAKE,

State Sup't. Unfermented Wine, Mississippi W. C. T. U.

Treasurer's Report.

Amount received from Finance Committee.....	\$102 50
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To Balance.....	\$ 51 20
By amount paid W. M. Conner, as Clerk,.....	10 00
To Bal. on hand to pay for p't'g Min., stat'y stamps, etc...	41 20

Amount collected for Indian Missions..... 13 35
 Amount collected for current expenses in raising endowment
 for Mississippi College 13 10

The amount collected for Indian Missions was paid to Bro. Benjamin Thigpen; and the amount collected for Mississippi College was paid Rev. J. B. Gambrell. Neither of these amounts came into my hands as Treasurer

Respectfully;

W. M. CONNER, Secretary.

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L. E. HALL.....	Shubuta, Miss.
WILSON WEST.....	Waynesboro, Miss.
J. W. BOZEMAN, D. D.....	Meridian, Miss.
W. D. WATSON.....	Waynesboro, Miss.
JAMES O. CRAWFORD.....	Shubuta, Miss.
J. M. PHILLIPS.....	Shubuta, Miss.
GEORGE W. KNIGHT.....	Ellisville, Miss.
J. B. GAMBRELL.....	Meridian, Miss.
J. A. HACKETT, D. D.....	Meridian, Miss.
J. M. SAMMONS.....	Waynesboro, Miss.
A. McLAIN.....	Waynesboro, Miss.
J. E. PHILLIPS.....	Shubuta, Miss.
W. Z. WEST.....	Waynesboro, Miss.



CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The name of this body shall be the Chickasahay Baptist Association.

ART. 2. Its object shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom, by the concentration of Christian labor; the inculcation of Bible Truth, and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among the churches.

ART. 3. Members of the Association may be of two classes, viz: delegates and messengers, the first-class only having the right to vote, and to produce evidence of their appointment by the churches which they propose to represent before being entitled to seats.

ART. 4. Each church belonging to the Association shall be entitled to two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty, and an additional delegate for each fifty members thereafter, provided, that ministers who are members of any such churches, but supply other pulpits, may be appointed as additional delegates above the regular quota.

ART. 5. The Association shall only have the power of an advisory council, and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the churches.

ART. 6. No queries shall be considered by the Association unless regularly sent up through the churches, nor shall difficulties between the churches be discussed until other methods of settlement have been tried without avail.

ART. 7. The Association shall meet annually, as may be agreed upon, and, after enrolling the names of delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be ex-officio Treasurer of the Association.

ART. 8. The duties of the various officers shall be similar to those of all deliberative bodies, and Mell's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of all decisions of order.

ART. 9. Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body, may become members of the Association, by a unanimous vote; and letters of dismission may be obtained, without assigning a reason therefor, by the concurrence of a majority, while the Association claims the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem heterodox or disorderly.

ART. 10. This Constitution may be altered, or amended, at any

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annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of three-fourths of the delegates present; provided, the proposed alternation, or amendment shall have been submitted at the session immediately preceeding.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one God; the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and glory.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old Testament and New, were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity, and of man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.
4. We believe that God chose His people, in Christ Jesus, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.
5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.
6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; and He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, therefore all are required to obey.
7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.
8. We believe in the resurrection of the Dead, the just and the unjust; the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous; and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
9. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is composed of faithful persons only, who have covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the New Testament.
10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only law-giver of his Church, and that the government is with the Church, each member having equal right therein.
11. We Believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of the Church and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
12. We believe that immersion alone is Baptism, and can be administered only by those duly set apart by the Church, and that believers in Christ only, are the proper subjects of the ordinance.
13. We believe that regular baptized believers, only, have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. All meetings of this Association shall be opened with prayer and closed by praise or benediction.
2. The officers of the Association shall hold their positions until successors are chosen.
3. The Moderator shall preside, or some brother whom he may designate while speaking, and shall preserve order; his decisions being final, unless an appeal is immediately made to the body.
4. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise and address the Moderator.
5. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject under discussion, or use personal reflections.
6. Every motion made and seconded shall be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover.
7. After allowing due time for debate, all questions taken up shall be disposed of before any other motion can be entertained.
8. No member shall speak more than once upon the same subject without permission of the Association, nor shall any practice be tolerated which interrupts speaking.
9. Members shall use the term brother, when speaking of each other, and shall be rebuked by the moderator for violation of these rules.
10. These rules may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-third vote of the members present.

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CHURCHES.	POST-OFFICE.	PASTOR.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Dis. by letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Membership.	S. S. Off. and T. Sunday School.	Pastor's Salary.	State Missions	
Augusta	Augusta	W. A. Roper	5	3	...	...	...	...	38	...	\$75 00	...	
Bethlehem	Not represented												
Big Creek	Waynesboro	W. West	2	5	1	3	2	...	87	50 10	34 25	\$3 4	
Buckatunna	Heidelberg	T. E. Tucker	8	1	1	1	1	...	34	45 9	65 00	2 0	
Clear Creek	Shubuta	J. M. Phillips		5	1	5	...	...	68	52 9	50 00	...	
Concord	Shubuta	J. M. Phillips	14	4	2	...	1	...	55	...	45 00	...	
DeSoto	DeSoto	S. V. Riley		5	3	...	...	...	60	54 4		...	
Ellisville	Ellisville	G. W. Knight	1	11	4	...	...	...	141	150 11	200 00	29 9	
Enterprise	Enterprise	J. A. Hackett		...	...	...	...	...	*65	...	208 00	4 5	
Estabuchie	Estabuchie	Not represented		...	...	...	...	...	*40	...		...	
Fairfield	Edney	Wilson West	5	...	...	8	...	...	105	...	50 00	...	
Fairmont	Shubuta	W. Z. West		...	...	...	1	...	39	...		...	
Harmony	DeSoto	W. K. Red		...	...	1	...	...	52	...		5 0	
Hattiesburg	Hattiesburg	L. E. Hall	4	14	2	2	...	...	106	86 13	200 00	6 0	
Heidelberg	Heidelberg	H. M. Long	2	4	6	2	1	...	22	...	150 00	10 0	
Laurel	Laurel	G. W. Knight	16	12	1	5	2	...	103	...	120 00	...	
Meridian	Meridian	J. W. Bozeman	3	18	14	5	5	...	340	175 18	1500 00	212 0	
Mt. Zion	Buckatunna	T. E. Tucker	19	...	1	6	2	1	76	...		1	
Narkeeta	Narkatee	R. S. Ray		3	1	...	...	...	48	...	50 00	...	
New Hope	Tokio	T. E. Tucker	7	...	1	...	...	...	22	...	50 00	...	
Quitman	Not represented			...	1	...	...	...	*25	...		...	
Salem	Waynesboro	J. M. Phillips		5	...	4	2	...	139	40 7	100 00	4 0	
Saundersville	Saundersville	G. W. Knight	9	2	6	1	...	...	46	28 5	43 65	...	
Shubuta	Shubuta	L. Norris	13	7	5	1	2	...	73	52 8	250 00	50 0	
State Line	State Line	H. M. Long		2	6	1	1	...	64	49 3	240 00	4 0	
Vossburg	Not represented			...	6	4	...	...	*21	...		...	
Yellow Creek			3	3	...	...	...	...	63	...		...	
Pine Hill	Enterprise	L. J. Herrington	1	5	...	2	1	...	39	...		...	
Pachuta	Pachuta	M. G. Turner		8	1	1	...	...	47	...		...	
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*Number taken from last year's Minutes.

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	S. S. Off. and T. Sunday School.	Pastor's Salary.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Expenses.	Sun. School Ex.	Miscellaneous.	To the Poor.	Total.
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